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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**CUSTOMER NO. 35811**  
Docket No.: CRE-05-1241  
Confirmation No.: 4290

Art Unit : 3654  
Examiner : Nguyen, John Quoc  
Serial No. : 10/731,754  
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Inventors : Brian P. Couchey, et al.  
Title : SPOOL HAVING REVERSING SPIRAL GUIDE

Dated: September 20, 2005

**CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

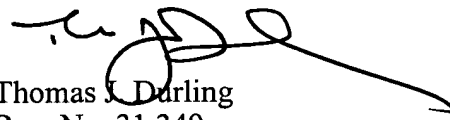
Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a one (1) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 9, 2005 from September 9, 2005 to October 9, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$120 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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